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1. ANDERSON'S TALMUD AND BOOK HANDED OVER TO SVANTE AND FRED.
2. LEVANGER, MAROM, IVANOV, ANDERSON  
(1942)

From: MOSCOW

To: STOCKHOLM

No.: 533 ✓

8th May 1942

To AKASTO[i]

In reply to your No. 151[a].

1. What was the reason for handing over the TALMUD[ii] and the book destined for ANDERSON[iii] to SVANTE[iv] and FRED[v]? [7 groups unrecovered] gave ANDERSON instead of those allotted to him. The first[b]

[11 groups unrecovered]

with LEVANGER[vi]

[11 groups unrecovered]

for MAROM[vii] [B& we work] every day but have not heard him. Make contact with us.

3. Send IVANOV[viii] [6 groups unrecovered].

No. {B& 4632}

NORTHERN[ix]

To AKASTO

[11 groups unrecovered]

ANDERSON.

[11 groups unrecovered]

[16 groups unrecoverable]

No. 4648 ✓

IVANOV[x]

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Notes: [a] STOCKHOLM's No. 451 of 2nd May 1942 (unpublished).  
[b] or "the former".

Comments: [i] AKASTO: ✓ Col. N.I. KIVITISHOV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[ii] TALMUD: ✓ Coverword for cipher or cipher system.

[iii] ANDERSON: ✗ Probably Siscon Odd BLIK-BERG, Norwegian RIS courier between SWEDEN and NORWAY. He arrived in the U.K. on 26th October 1942. (3/NBF/T1892)

[iv] SVANTE: ✗ Robert HANSEN NYGAARD, a Norwegian RIS agent sentenced in SWEDEN in July 1942 for unlawful possession of a W/T set. (3/NBF/T1893)

[v] FRED: ✗ Frank FRANZEN, a Norwegian RIS agent arrested in SWEDEN in early May 1942.

[vi] ✓ LEVANGER: ✗ Unidentified. This could be a Norwegian surname or covername. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 6 of 7th January 1942 (3/NBF/T1890), No. 1534 of 21st July 1942 (3/NBF/T1675) and No. 3135 of 25th November 1943 (3/NBF/T1579).

[vii] MARYM: ✗ Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 118 of 16th February 1942 (3/NBF/T1741) and No. 209 of 19th March 1942 (3/NBF/T1717). MARYM is a place name. These are often used as covernames in this traffic.

[viii] IVANOV: ✗ Unidentified. First occurrence.

[ix] NORTHERN: ✗ MOSCOW addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.

[x] LINOV: ✓ Col. BALTIENKO, cipher officer in MOSCOW.

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